

RISE IN STEAM COAL.

IT COMES ABOUT THE TIME OF INCREASED FREIGHT RATES.

A COLUMN OF RAILROAD NOTES.

Consolidation of Raleigh and Gaston With the Seaboard Air-Line—An Important Order Issued Regarding Southern's Southwestern Limited.

An increase of from 5 to 15 cents in the price of steam coal of every quality is attracting the attention of railroad men. It was probably made for the purpose of meeting the recent general increase in freight rates inaugurated by the railroads. The Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western are among the great coal-carrying roads of the United States. So, while these two Virginia roads are reaping their full share of the immense increase in freight business, they will also have to pay more for their coal than when business was not so good.

The Chesapeake and Ohio has now received the last of the 1,000 freight cars ordered of the Pullman Company several months ago. The lack of cars is still very noticeable. Regarding the lack of equipment from which all the roads in the country are now suffering, a railroad man said yesterday that the lack of locomotives was quite as general as the lack of freight cars.

The consolidation of the Raleigh and Gaston with the Seaboard Air-Line will be formally effected at a meeting of the stockholders of the former to be held at Raleigh on the 20th instant.

Captain C. W. Westbury, travelling passenger agent of the Southern, was notified yesterday that official or private cars cannot hereafter be attached to the Washington and Southern Limited train between Washington and Atlanta. A similar order has been issued regarding the New York and Florida Limited and the Cincinnati and Florida Limited.

Recent statements regarding the earnings of the Southern have very remarkably increased. For the week ending October 31st the earnings were \$1,000,000. For 1899, \$10,000,000. Increase, \$1,000,000. This increase is considered very large, considering the fact that the earnings for 1898, as quoted above, include \$1,000,000 for passenger earnings from military movement, and \$5,000,000 for freight earnings from military movement. For the week ending October 31, 1899, \$1,000,000. Increase, \$1,000,000. For 1899, \$10,000,000. Increase, \$1,000,000.

The work of erecting the union depot of the Seaboard Air-Line and the Chesapeake and Ohio will not be greatly pushed before spring. The foundation will be laid by the latter company, and the good weather acts in, and the structure will go up rapidly.

Captain Westbury was officially notified yesterday of the raising of the quarantine against all Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas points, and tickets will now be sold to all stations in the previously infected sections.

The Southern railway has just issued a very attractive booklet entitled "Hunting and Fishing in the South." It is a book descriptive of the best localities in the South for various kinds of game and fish, written in a fresh and breezy style, and embellished with a number of excellent illustrations of hunting scenes in the southern woods that make the mouth of the sportsman to water. The book also contains the game laws of Virginia, Kentucky, the two Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. Mississippi has no law for the protection of game.

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IMPROVEMENTS AT GASWORKS.

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The recommendations will be carried out by April 1st, all possible latitude being allowed for the difficulty of securing material from the iron-foundries.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERT.

The recommendations of Expert Rice, which are to be carried out, are as follows: (1) Move the naphtha tanks to a safer location. (2) Move the boiler back into the space thus obtained. (3) Install a new superheater system, the removal of the present engine further back, the addition of a new engine, and the placing of a machine to pump the quality of oil and gas separately.

Install in the engine-room two plain 25-horsepower Atlas steam engines. Let these be set on an adjustable counter-shaft and let the shaft be connected to a No. 5 Monogram blower on adjustable base, on which duplicate blower can be set. All belts and pulleys, carry a 14-inch galvanized-iron blast-pipe overhead, the machine, the blower, and the boiler, and the pipes beyond the super-heater to 16-inch, including the main pipe to the relief-valve. Abandon the present small condenser and place at some convenient point between the super-heater and the boiler a new 8-foot condenser. The machine can thus be made into the most modern type and be in every respect as good as a new outfit.

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THE TOWER.

Cor. Second and Broad Sts.

Closing On Sale of Carpets.

Smith's and Sanford & Higgins's Brussels Carpets, that sold for \$1 a yard.

Closing Out Price 50c. a Yard.

Special Sale of Rugs and Druggets.

Tailor-Made Suit Sale Continued To-Day.

JULIUS CYCLE & SON.

THE DISCIPLES COMING IN.

The State Convention of Christians Begins This Morning.

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Virginia Christian Missionary Society begins this morning.

Quite a number of delegates came in yesterday and last night, especially on the late trains. A great many more are expected on all the trains this morning.

The convention will be called to order at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the Seventh-street church. Devotional exercises will precede all other features.

These will be conducted by Rev. L. A. Cutler, of Louisville.

The following is the programme for the first day:

10—President's address, Richard Bagby, Louisville.

11—Address, subject, "The Preparation of the Sermon," J. T. T. Hurdley, Dunbarville.

12—Address, subject, "The Delivery of the Sermon," S. H. Farrer, Fredericksburg.

13—Appointment of committees.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1—Call to order and devotional exercises, led by L. A. Cutler, Richmond.

2—Address, subject, "The Relation of the Church to the World," J. R. McWane, Lynchburg.

4:30—Executive session.

EVENING SESSION.

Opening Session, 8—Call to order and devotional exercises, led by L. A. Cutler, Richmond.

8:30—Address, subject, "The Relation of the Church to the World," J. R. McWane, Lynchburg.

The officers of the society for the present year are: H. C. Garrison, president; John A. Dearborn, first vice-president; John A. Dearborn, second vice-president; N. Newman, secretary; William F. Fox, treasurer; John S. Elliott, auditor; George W. Gillespie, associate.

Rev. Mr. Garrison has moved out of the State, and Rev. Mr. Dearborn will preside during the convention.

The Enjoyable Rainbow Fete.

Another night of the enjoyable Rainbow Fete at the First Regimental Armory is past. The bazaar, for the benefit of the Home for Invalids, for Monday night, was a success.

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THE COCKADE CITY.

DEATH OF A WIDELY-KNOWN HOTEL MAN.

ROBBERS GET IN THEIR WORK.

The Murder of Mr. Jolly—Counsel to Be Employed to Assist the Prosecution—Personal and General Notes—Briefs.

PETERSBURG, VA., November 7.—(Special.)—Mr. H. R. Proctor died at the Home for the Sick about 1 o'clock this afternoon. He was 70 years of age.

He was one of the most widely known hotel men in the country, having passed the greater part of his life in the conduct of that business, and having conducted large hotels in the large cities of many States. He made friends everywhere. Formerly, and for several years, he was the proprietor of the Bollingbrook Hotel, in this city. Mr. Proctor's residence was in Elmira, N. Y., and a daughter here, Mrs. Captain R. T. Matteson. He came to Petersburg last night to visit his daughter. His condition became so serious that he went to the Home for the Sick for treatment. His funeral will take place to-morrow, and the interment will be in Blandford Cemetery.

The store of the Boston Supply Company, on Halifax street, was robbed last night, but to what extent is not known. A number of clocks are missing. About 10 o'clock a gentleman who resides in the store returned home, and discovering a negro in the rear yard of the store, asked him what his business was. The negro said he was looking for a friend. The gentleman called for his gun, when the negro fled. Upon examination it was found that the store had been broken into, and that a lot of goods were missing. It is supposed that a quantity of goods had already been carried away.

It is understood that a movement has been made by the friends of the deceased, to employ counsel to assist the Commonwealth's Attorney of Dinwiddie county in the prosecution of Junius Robinson, the negro who recently shot and killed Mr. W. M. Jolly, Robinson, who is in the jail in this city, and will be tried at the next term of the County Court.

The question of the inauguration of a series of trade excursions from different points to the city during November and December was discussed and favorably considered to-night by the Young Men's Business Association and our merchants.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. D. C. Chisholm, on south Sycamore street, Miss Mary Chisholm, daughter of Mr. Chisholm, was married to Mr. Percy Stewart Lamb, of Charles City county. The wedding was a quiet, but very beautiful, one. During the ceremony, which was officiated by the Rev. Mr. B. W. Davis, as the guest of Mr. R. B. Davis, as the groom, Mr. Chisholm, as the best man, and Mr. Lamb, as the bridegroom, were followed by the bridesmaids, and the wedding party.

Mrs. J. V. Venable has been called to Maryland, by the death of her mother, Mrs. Louisa A. Patterson, who passed away yesterday at the age of 75 years.

NORFOLK.

The Scorpion Sails for Panama—Briefs.

NORFOLK, VA., November 7.—(Special.)—The converted yacht Scorpion sailed today for Panama, having aboard fourteen civil engineers, who are being sent out by the Isthmian Canal Commission, of which Mr. J. G. Walker is president, for the purpose of making surveys for the proposed canal which is to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The engineers are mostly young men, and compose what is known as the Darien survey party.

The Scorpion will stop at Kingston, Jamaica, for coal, and from there is expected to sail direct for Carthagena, United States of Colombia, where the engineers will leave in two parties for their work on the isthmus. It is thought that they will not return within six months, and may be gone for a much longer time than that.

Mr. Arthur C. Humphreys, who was Special Agent for Norfolk and Newport News up to the breaking out of the Spanish-American war, has been re-appointed to that position. Such an appointment would usually come through the Spanish Consul-General to this country, but in this instance it was made direct by the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Madrid. This distinction was due to the fact that Mr. Humphreys was very courteous when they were in Norfolk.

The Federal grand jury here today returned indictments against John L. Luffin, the Norfolk colored preacher, who is now under arrest in North Carolina on the charge of passing counterfeit money. He was ordered to be released.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved.

East Hanover Presbyterian in Grace-Street Presbyterian church yesterday morning to consider the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. R. Hyde and the Third Presbyterian church. Dr. Hyde was dismissed to unite with the Presbyterian at Port Wm. Texas. He will preach his farewell sermon Sunday morning. Complimentary resolutions were presented from his church, regretting his departure.

Rev. Dr. R. P. Kerr proposed a resolution expressing the sorrow of the presbytery at the loss of a man so commanding him to the brethren in Texas.

Rev. Charles N. an Houten was appointed to read the report of the Southern Presbyterian church and declare the pulpit vacant. The date was left open, and will be fixed to suit the convenience of the church.

An advisory committee was appointed to assist the church in the pulpit shall be held at 10 o'clock on Monday.

Rev. Dr. R. P. Kerr, Rev. J. C. Stewart, and Mr. R. D. Kent.

Reception to Young Men.

A rally and reception to young men will be held at the Grace-Street Baptist church to-morrow evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

A delightful social evening is promised. The object is to get the young men of the church together and have them meet the pastor and the members of the church. Messrs. Louis Marchetti and Silvio Poli left last evening for New York, whence they sail on the French liner Campana on Saturday next for Lunca. They will be absent about six months.

Rev. Dr. W. G. Starr, president of Randolph-Macon College, was in the city yesterday. He says the matriculation this year is the largest in the history of the college. He will be in the city for the past ten years.

The members of Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union are requested by the president to be present at the regular weekly meeting the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, as very important business will come before the union.

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